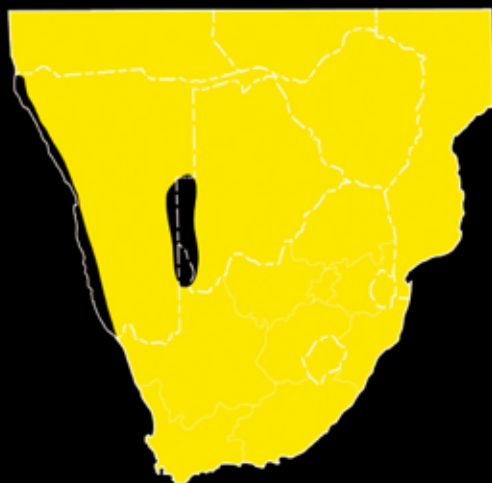




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Rhombic Egg-eater (*Dasypeltis scabra*)

Maximum Length:
1.16 m



Other names:

Common Egg-eater, Gewone eiervreter

A common snake throughout most of southern Africa except for true desert and closed canopy forests. It averages around 75cm and is well adapted at climbing trees.

It is most abundant in thornveld and grasslands where it can be found in any situation. It is nocturnal, spending most of the day hiding beneath rocks or under loose bark.

When agitated, it will coil and uncoil while striking out viciously. It is completely harmless and the teeth are reduced. It feeds exclusively on birds eggs .

